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SUMMARY: GOE OFFICIAL STRESSES GOE DETERMINATION TO
REASSERT ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NAM TO FURTHER SUPPORT
FOR SADAT INITIATIVE AND BROADER GOE OBJECTIVES. GOE
ALSO BELIEVES LEADING STATES AT NACC WILL RESTRAIN
ARAB REJECTIONISTS TO PREVENT INTRA-ARAB CLASHES;
IN ABSENCE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL NACC WILL HAVE "TO SAY
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SOMETHING" ON LEBANON; HUMAN RIGHTS NOT BIG ISSUE FOR
NAM. GOE CONSIDERS IT SENSITIVE US-USSR BILATERAL ISSUE,
"ZIONIST ISSUE." GOE CLEARLY TAKING NAM SERIOUSLY.
GOE'S PREPARATION OF GROUND WITH LEADING NAM STATES
MAKES IT OPTIMISTIC REJECTIONISTS WILL BE KEPT AT BAY
IN KABUL. END SUMMARY.

1. POLCOUNS MET APRIL 20 WITH DIRECTOR MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AMRE MOUSSA, WHO EXPECTS TO ATTEND KABUL NACC MEETING, TO OBTAIN GOE VIEWS AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN NAM. MOUSSA SAID GOE DEFINITELY ATTACHES RENEWED IMPORTANCE TO NAM, AS ILLUSTRATED BY MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI'S RECENT TRIPS TO YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA. GOE HAD PULLED BACK IN ANGER FROM NAM AFTER FAILURE TO GET ELECTED TO NACC AT COLOMBO IN 1976. MOUSSA AFFIRMED GOE PLANS WORK WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NAM BOTH TO FURTHER SUPPORT FOR SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE AND BROADER GOE POLICY OBJECTIVES. EGYPT WANTS TO REGAIN ITS ROLE AS A NAM LEADER. MOUSSA AND GHALI MOST PROBABLY WOULD GO TO KABUL BUT THIS STILL NOT DECIDED. GHALI'S PARTICIPATION APPROPRIATE SINCE GOE IS OBSERVER AT MEETING AT IN DEBATES BUT CANNOT, OF COURSE, OFFER PROPOSALS NOR VOTE.

3. NAM GROUPING. MOUSSA SAID NEW NAM COMPLEXION RESULTED FROM ENTRY OF VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA, WHICH TOGETHER WITH CUBA, ALGERIA AND OTHERS, CREATED RADICAL, ACTIVIST GROUP WHICH CAN AFFECT CONFERENCES. REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY, MANY MEMBERS FEEL NAM "MUST NOT BE RUN THIS WAY." HE NOTED CUBA'S SELECTION AS SITE FOR 1979
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SUMMIT RESULTED FROM ACTIVISM OF THAT GROUP. AT THIS POINT IT MORE HARMFUL TO TRY TO CHANGE LOCALE THAN LET IT STAND.

4. MIDDLE EAST. MOUSSA THOUGHT STATES LIKE YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, AFGHANISTAN, AND SRI LANKA WOULD RESTRAIN ARAB REJECTIONISTS. HE POINTED OUT REJECTIONISTS WILL BE MINORITY AT NACC MEETING. HE EXPECTED NO RESOLUTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST, BUT PERHAPS A DECLARATION CONDEMNING ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY OR OTHER SUBJECT ON WHICH ALL ARABS COULD AGREE. HE ALSO EXPECTED THAT IF ISRAEL ALL ARABS COULD AGREE. HE ALSO EXPECTED THAT IF ISRAEL HAS NOT COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM LEBANON, OR AT LEAST SET REASONABLE DATE, NACC WOULD HAVE "TO SAY SOMETHING" ON SUBJECT.

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA. MEETING IN KABUL, BECAUSE IT FOLLOWS UNGA SESSION ON NAMIBIA, WILL REFLECT VIEWS THAT SESSION. NACC WILL IN ANY CASE FOLLOW AFRICAN LEAD ON AFRICAN ISSUES.

6. SSOD. GOE NOT AGAINST CONSENSUS APPROACH BUT

SOME DELEGATIONS FEEL IT WILL LEAD TO ONLY VAGUE RESULTS. THEREFORE HE EXPECTED VOTING MIGHT BE USED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. GOE THINKS SSOD MUST CONSIDER ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS, BEGINNING WITH NUCLEAR BUT INCLUDING CONVENTIONAL. (HE SAID GOE UNDERSTANDS WESTERN POWERS NEED FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO COVER THE GAP IN THEIR CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES VIS-A-VIS THE EAST.) MOUSSA THOUGHT NEUTRON BOMB WILL DEFINITELY BE RAISED AT KABUL BUT HE BELIEVED "EQUIVALENT ARMAMENTS" IN OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED (SEPTEL). HE EXPECTED ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITY TO BE RAISED IN KABUL AND SSOD. GOE WOULD SUPPORT THIS.

7. GUAM. MOUSSA SAID HE DID NOT THINK GUAM WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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RAISED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION.

8. KOREA. GOE AGREES WITH POSITION OF U.S. REFLECTED IN TALKING POINT.

9. MASS MEDIA. GOE AGREES WITH U.S. POSITION.

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MOUSSA SAID HE THOUGHT THIS ISSUE WAS NOT OF MUCH SIGNIFICANCE.

10. NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. MOUSSA AGREED WITH U.S. POSITION AND SAID GOE WILL BE ACTIVE IN THIS AREA. (MOUSSA DOES NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS.)

11. HUMAN RIGHTS. GOE AGREES WITH PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS. HOWEVER, U.S. MUST RECOGNIZE THAT VAST MAJORITY OF NAM STATES CAN NOT CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIEW THEIR NON-DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS. ON HUMAN RIGHTS GENERALLY, MOUSSA SAID FOR GODBN TOO, IT CAN NOT BE BIG ISSUE, CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS SENSITIVE BILATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR IN WHICH GOE WISHES AVOID INVOLVEMENT. MOUSSA CAME DOWNB HARD ON THE OTHER REASON, ARGUING THAT UMAN RIGHTS IS "ZIONIST ISSUE" DESIGNED TO GET SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL. EGYPT CAN NEVER SUPPORT THIS NOR CAN IT EVER SUPPORT HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH IS ZIONIST PROPOSAL OF 15 YEARS AGO. POLCOUNS VIGOROUSLY ARGUED THAT U.S. CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS FAR DEEPER AND BROADER THAN FREE EMIGRATION. MOUSSA AGREED THAT ISJSE IS DEEPER BUT SAID ZIONISTS HAVE EXPLOITED THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND "HAVE CLOUDED USG'S GOOD INTENTIONS."

12. CYPRUS. MOUSSA EXPECTED CYPRUS ISSUE TO ARISE, SAYING THAT, DESPITE LARNACA, GOE WILL ADHERE TO ITS TRADITIONAL POSITION (NOTE: IE BELIEVES CYPRUS SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED, NON-PARTITIONED ISLAND, WITH A SINGLE RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT).

13. COMMENT: ENTER PERIOD OF "BENIGN NEGLECT" GOE APPEARS DETERMINED REASSERT ITSELF IN NAM. GOOD INDICATORS OF ITS SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE WILL BE WHETHER BOUTROS GHALI GOES TO KABUL AND WHAT ROLE HE PLAYS. IUT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER INTRA-ARAB DIFFERENCES CAN BE CONTAINED AT NACC, BUT GOE CONVINCED STATES LIKE YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA WILL SEE THAT REJECTION-

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